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AWARD NOTIFICATION: SENIOR CORPS RSVP EXPANSION GRANTS

Background

Throughout the country, Senior Corps engages the skills, talents, and experience of more than 245,000 Americans age 55 and over to meet a wide range of community challenges through a network of three programs — the Foster Grandparent Program, the Senior Companion Program and RSVP. Through Senior Corps, older adults make a real difference through the lives of individuals and as they help increase the capacity of nonprofit organizations, community agencies, faith-based and tribal organizations throughout the United States. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) awards grants to these local organizations and public agencies to administer these programs.

RSVP strengthens public and nonprofit agencies by building the infrastructure needed to efficiently and effectively mobilize experienced and skilled volunteers with vital programs and services. One of the largest volunteer efforts in the country, RSVP engages more than 208,000 older adults, retired or not, who use their skills and life experience in volunteer service that helps solve challenges facing communities. RSVP volunteers serve in diverse volunteer roles that may include: intergenerational education; access to care including opioid abuse/prevention; transportation services that support aging in place; housing services and activities in evidence-based programs. Additionally, they help increase the capacity of local organizations by recruiting and managing other volunteers.

In January 2017, Senior Corps opened the 2017 RSVP Expansion Competition with a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). This national competition was an opportunity for communities—with no current RSVP program—to apply for funds and establish new programs that address national priorities. The response was tremendous. Requests for funding outpaced the available funding amount by more than five times resulting in a highly competitive applicant pool. In accordance with the criteria and process established by the NOFO, 50 organizations were selected to be awarded grants. Together, these grants total a funding amount of \$5,370,177 for a total of 7,766 new RSVP volunteers.

Award Information

Recipient:

Clinch Valley Community Action Inc.
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Program Contact:

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Award Amount:

\$75,000 per year/3 years (pending annual appropriations)

Target Geography:

Russell and Buchanan Counties, Virginia

Program Summary:

Clinch Valley Community Action, Inc. (CVCA) has been the sponsor of RSVP in Tazewell County since 1972 and also administers the Senior Companion Program in Tazewell and Buchanan Counties. For this grant, 105 RSVP volunteers will be recruited, trained, placed and serving in a network of community-based service organizations such as faith-based, community action agencies, food banks, volunteer emergency response providers and Veterans organizations. RSVP volunteers will provide service activities that include but are not limited to: independent living support; transportation services to medical appointments and other essential activities; support for Veterans and their families; and capacity-building (volunteer management, in-kind donation solicitation). Anticipated results at the end of the three-year grant include increased community support and resources for Veterans and families; decreased social isolation for homebound seniors and disabled citizens; and increased capacities through training and management of new community organizations.